



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

HSSC-5

Agenda item 9

Liaison with External Stakeholders

IHB

Background

★ Action HSSC4/37:

- “IHB to reconsider the format for future Stakeholders’ Forum events, to improve interest and interaction with stakeholders.”

★ Views expressed at HSSC-4

- two or three-day event
- format based on round-table discussions and break-out groups addressing pre-defined subjects
- need to improve the attractiveness of the announcement and to connect with a broader spectrum of stakeholders
- seek ways to improve interaction with active mariners



THS UK-IFHS-IHO Conference “Digital Hydrography on the Maritime Web”



- ✦ Two-day event
- ✦ Open call for abstracts
- ✦ Four half-day sessions
 - The users' perspective
 - Presentation and quality of products
 - Innovations in surveying
 - Training
- ✦ Session format
 - Invited keynote
 - 2 or 3 presentations selected from the abstracts received
 - Stakeholder's forum (1 hour) led by a panel (chair+speakers+1 or 2 panelists)
- ✦ Small table-top style industry exhibition



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✦ Outcome

- Call for abstracts:
 - 29 submissions / 11 selected
(Out of the 18 authors not retained, only 6 were present at the Conference)
- Limited participation
 - 64 registered participants (UK: 45; other EU: 14)
 - 10 IHO representatives (only 2 from non UK HOs)
- Wide range of interests
- Active participation in the forums
- Wrap-up of the first day (but not of the second day)
- Positive feedback from the participants
- Potential disincentives (IHB view)
 - Registration fee? (£ 75 [students] to 220 [non-IFHS and non-HO participants])
 - Location?
 - Timing?
 - Insufficient publicity?



IHO Stakeholders' events in 2014

- ✦ 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (Monaco - 6-10 Oct 2014)
 - Two half-day stakeholder sessions
 - Selection of themes and organization to be considered
- ✦ IHO/MSDI Open Forum
 - Silver Spring, MD, USA - 4 Feb 2014
(in conjunction with MSDIWG-5)
- ✦ 11-12 Mar: IHO Capacity Building Stakeholders' Seminar
 - Monaco (by invitation) - 11-12 Mar 2014
- ✦ IHO-led forum at Hydro 2014 (to be confirmed)
 - Aberdeen, UK - 27-31 Oct 2014



IHO Participation in other events in 2014

- ✦ Intended IHB participation:
 - XXII IMPA Congress, Panama City, Panama - 7-11 Apr
 - CIRM Annual Meeting, Annapolis, MD, USA, 28 Apr - 2 May
 - XVIII IALA Conference, A Coruña, Spain - 25-31 May
 - XXV FIG International Congress, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - 16-21 Jun
 - ...
- ✦ Member States' input?

